

## Hanna Tours TECT Power, Announces Jobs Plan

**WHITESTOWN, N.Y.** – U.S. Representative Richard Hanna (R,C,I-NY) toured TECT Power's Utica facility today and announced his jobs plan for Upstate New York.

Hanna's ["HARVEST" jobs plan](#) accounts for several key areas critical to the upstate region and its economic future. The plan looks at areas ranging from high-tech manufacturing to agriculture for the future and veterans in the workforce to educating our children to work and succeed locally. Earlier today, Hanna hosted a roundtable discussion in Rome with local educators about STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math).

**"The goal for me has always been helping to foster private sector job creation in Upstate New York," Hanna said. "Our community faces economic challenges, but we also have tremendous assets that can be leveraged with creative policies. I will continue to work in Washington to help create an atmosphere to preserve and create good jobs Upstate so that our children may work and live here for generations to come."**

The congressman made the "HARVEST" announcement at TECT's Utica facility, which manufactures a variety of engine-ready components for aerospace and industrial gas turbine customers. The operation was founded in 1895 and among its 110 years of industry experience includes manufacturing airfoils for the first jet engines and components for the Saturn V rocket that launched the Apollo program into space.

TECT also produces titanium fan blades and the demand for titanium has increased, and our manufacturing industry has been unable to keep up. The Senate recently amended legislation, which required the Defense Department to purchase metals from U.S. manufacturers or from foreign allies. The consequence of this, however, is that foreign nations are buying cheap titanium from Russia and selling it to the Department at much lower prices than U.S. manufacturers, such as TECT, are able to.

**"I supported an amendment in the House to require the Department of Defense to assess the U.S. titanium manufacturing industrial base and report to the congressional defense committees," Hanna said. "This will lead to undoing the ill consequences of the Senate's**

**“Berry Amendment” on our manufacturers like TECT, and this language was also added to the Defense bill that recently passed the House.”**

TECT’s Utica plant currently employs 178 residents of the 24th Congressional District. Hanna said manufacturing jobs like these are important to keep in the area, along with planning for growth in other industries.

Jack Rockstad, TECT Utica’s general manager said investing and supporting manufacturing in the nation is essential.

**“We are delighted to have Congressman Richard Hanna visit our facility and would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for the continued support of manufacturing in the United States, particularly in areas vital to national security such as TECT Power,” Rockstad said.**